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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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DANIEL EICHINGER  
DIRECTOR

December 15, 2021

TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land  
Roscommon Management Unit – Roscommon County  
Land Transaction Case #20210216

Sale: 7 acres

Sale Price: Properties will be sold to adjoining property owners at a value determined by the Department of Natural Resources (Department) and/or price will be determined at auction.

Description: Roscommon County, Higgins Township, T23N, R02W  
Section 18: All that part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 lying south of the centerline of Russell Lake Road, to be further described by individual surveys.

PA 240 of 2018: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in a decrease of 7 acres of DNR-managed lands.

Applicants: Adjoining property owners or DNR surplus via auction.

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's January 4, 2022, calendar and is eligible for approval on January 11, 2022.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1923 and 1927.

Minerals: A mineral review will be requested prior to any sale.

Comments: The parcel was nominated for disposal by local staff. There are several parcels of state-owned land between private property and Russell Lake Road. It is recommended that the adjacent landowners survey the respective parcels adjacent to their private ownership and the Department sell to the adjacent landowners to provide legal access to those landowners and increase management efficiencies of the state forest.

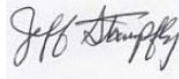
The proposed land disposal was recommended for approval as surplus by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 21, 2021.

Proceeds will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

- Recommendations:
1. That the land be surveyed and offered for sale to each adjoining property owner for legal access to their private lands for a value determined by the Department.
  2. If the sale of land to any of the adjoining property owners is unsuccessful, that the land be sold at auction.
  3. That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the LEFF.
  4. That the state retain aboriginal antiquities.



James L. Dexter, Chief  
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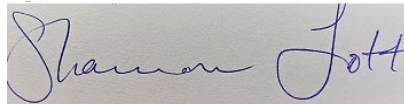
Jeff Stampfly, Chief  
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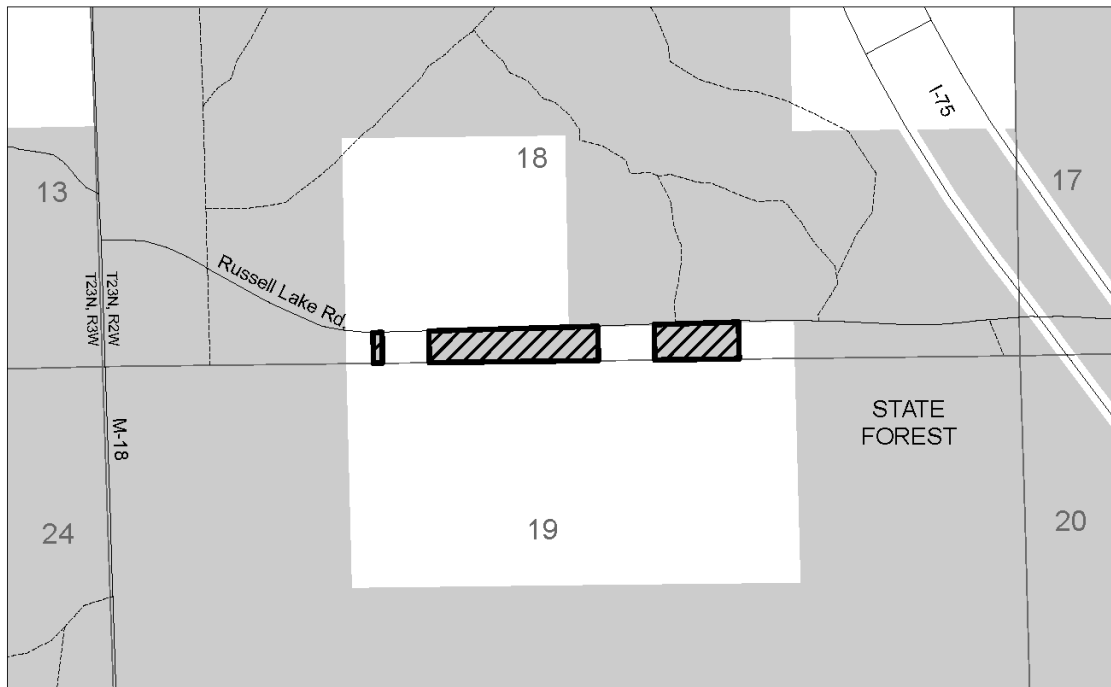
Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.



Daniel Eichinger  
Director

Date Approved:

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Section 18, T23N, R02W, Higgins Township

 Surplus DNR land to be sold (7 acres)  
 State land

